

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

MEETINGS MINUTES

Members Present: **Maggie Zheng, David Nicholson, Jacob Contreras, Diego Martinez Barrera, David Ojeda, Ev Essif, Kyle Hetherington, Meena Venkataramanan, Jazmin Nunez, Leshawn Bowen, Jose Roberto Diaz-Brown, Michelle Coranado, Ki Huang, Stephanie Tineo, Amisadai Licea.**

Non-Members Present: **Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Paul Lovelis, Ed Nossem, Kendra Davey, Mary Ellen Ojeda, Jared Essif.**

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MAGGIE ZHENG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Approval of April 1, 2015, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Amisadai Licea

Second: David Nicholson

Motion carried 15 - 0.

5.0 **MAYOR JONATHAN ROTHSCILD**

Mayor Rothschild thanked the group for having him attend the meeting, and said that he was happy to attend both the YAC/TTC meeting but also the MEC meeting beforehand. He said that it is important that people get involved in public affairs, and that people in government are no different than those in attendance, except that they are older and more experienced.

The Mayor described the various functions of local government, the size and population of the Tucson metropolitan area and its relation to Pima County, and the various departments that interact with the Mayor's office – Tucson Police Department, Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Water, Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation, Sun Tran.

The "Five T's " – Technology, Transportation, Trade, Tourism, and Teaching and their importance to Tucson were discussed; also the importance of education to businesses that want to relocate or start up in Tucson. The political landscape in Arizona was discussed in this regard.

The Mayor also answered various questions about his background and interest in politics.

6.0 **MEC STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Discussion of this item was deferred to the next meeting on May 6th, 2015.

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAGGIE ZHENG

7.1 Elected Officials Visits Update

Ward 1 Council Member Regina Romero is scheduled for the Wednesday, May 6th meeting.

7.2 LULAC Educators Banquet Thursday, April 16th YAC/TTC Attendees

7.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – YAC/TTC Attendees May 8th

8.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – MAGGIE ZHENG

Motion to approve: Diego Martinez Barrera

Second: Jacob Contreras

Motion carried 15 -0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.